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Identical letters dated 21 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

Further to our previous letters addressed to you concerning Israel's attacks against Syria's sovereignty and its violation of the Agreement on Disengagement, the most recent of which was our letter of 8 May 2013, we should like to inform you that, at 1.10 a.m. on 21 May 2013, an Israeli vehicle crossed the ceasefire line and proceeded towards the village of Bi'r Ajam, which is located in the liberated area of the Golan within the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. The presence of armed terrorist groups in that village led the Syrian armed forces to target the above-mentioned Israeli vehicle. Israel also launched two infrared homing missiles from the Tall al-Faras position in the occupied Syrian Golan towards the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. These two incidents are grave violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the Agreement on Disengagement and an attack against Syrian sovereignty.

The Syrian Arab Republic responded to this violation by exercising the right to self-defence, which is enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. My Government has previously drawn your attention to Israel's violations and its interference in Syria's internal affairs through its provision of logistical support for armed terrorist groups in Syria, including those that are active in the area of separation of forces, and its aggressions against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic. All of those actions are a violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Syrian Arab Republic brings these facts to the attention of the Security Council and once again affirms its right to respond immediately to any violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity in exercise of the right to self-defence. It furthermore expects the Council to put an end to Israel's violations, which contravene the Charter of the United Nations and the Agreement on Disengagement.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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